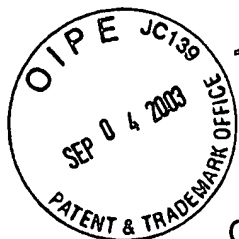




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Please find enclosed a response to an office action posted June 4, 2003 for U.S. application number 09/931,883. Included in this response are:

- 1) claim amendments (4 sheets)
- 2) specific responses (3 sheets)
- 2 - 3) information disclosure statement (1 sheet)
- 4) copies of information disclosed (U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,563,036 and 5,849,493)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Vaughn Smider'.

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